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#8 Devon Franklin and #18 Manny Kumar, right, of the Okotoks Dawgs show off the pink jerseys the baseball club wore yesterday in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation at Seaman Stadium in Okotoks.

Dawgs don pink

Players and fans pitch in to fight breast cancer

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It was a sea of pink yesterday as Dawgs fans transformed a sold-out Seaman Stadium in Okotoks into a wave of support in the fight against breast cancer.

The Dawgs players boldly wore pink, too, proving that men aren't too macho to don the infamous Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) colour.

Dawgs spokesperson William Gardner said the organization was excited to help raise money and awareness for a great cause.

"It's a way for us to give back, especially with breast cancer affecting so many people in the community. The day has been a hit even before the game started."

Dawgs catcher Brett Thomas has his own reason to be excited about the day; his grandmother is a breast cancer survivor.

"And it's actually her birthday today, so it's even more special," he said before the game.

CBCF board of directors VP Brian Crookes said the event was also about raising awareness that breast cancer affects everyone.

"It's great to see the guys wearing pink in support and showing that men are affected with breast cancer," he said. "I have breast cancer."

Crookes said although men make up only one per cent of the victims of breast cancer, their survival rate is much lower.

The cause was also a home run with fans, with many getting in on the action.

"I think it's a great cause, it has affected both of our families and we're here to show our support," said Michelle Bahr, beside pink-clad husband Jeff, who laughed: "And I'm colour blind so it's OK."

Good cause

The players auctioned off their pink jerseys in between innings to raise money to fight breast cancer.

Speed factor in bike death: Cops

COLLISION City cops are investigating a fatal motorbike accident that killed a 28-year-old man Saturday night.

Police believe the unidentified man was travelling northbound in the 2100 block of Crowchild Trail SW when the accident occurred around 7 p.m.

According to police, it appeared as though three motorcycles were speeding down streets, possibly racing, before one bike lost control and hit the centre median. The victim was pronounced dead on scene. Speed is believed to be a major factor in the wreck.

Police continue to investigate and are looking to speak with the two other motorcycle drivers. METRO CALGARY

Package draws city bomb unit

SUSPICIOUS City cops had to call in the Bomb Unit after a suspicious package was left in front of a downtown bar Saturday night.

An unknown male left the package in front of Flames Central on 8th Avenue SW then fled westbound on the street. Area patrons found a one-cubic foot package wrapped in duct tape and immediately called police.

Once police cordoned off the entire block, removing all 8th Avenue SW patrons to safety, the Bomb Unit opened the package and found kitchen utensils. Police believe the package was left to disrupt the event happening at Flames Central METRO CALGARY

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Bakery evacuation

Fire crews had to evacuate 25 Byblos Bakery Ltd. employees yesterday after reports of ammonia gas vapour venting from the bakery's roof. A frozen holding tank caused a compressor to run full time, increasing pressure to the point excess vapour was being released. After necessary repairs were done the workers were allowed to return. METRO CALGARY

Local

"Lots of garlic!"

Ricardo Madrid's thoughts on what makes the best salsa, yesterday at the Kensington Sun and Salsa. METRO CALGARY

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Two bridges proposed for pedestrians

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PEOPLE POWER Feet are much cheaper to power than a car, and vehicleless commuters may soon be saving even more.

Recommendations from the Transportation Department in Calgary suggest that two new pedestrian and bicycle gateway bridges be built over the Bow River into downtown.

The proposed bridges would be located at the west ends of Prince's Island Park and St. George's Island.

"We're trying to make pedestrians the top priority," said Ald. John Mar, adding that transit is second on the list and single occupancy vehicles are last.

He said with hefty parking fees and gas prices that keep going up, people are going to be finding alternative methods of commuting.

"Pedestrian walkways will (make it) significantly easier for people to get to work," he said. Currently, 55 per cent of those working downtown walk, cycle, or take transit.

Easing the congesting on the bridges is also a goal.

Sun and Salsa serves up spicy Sunday

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Catherine Marshall, 28 and Jennifer Miller, 23, munch down on some of the best salsa in the city at Sunday's Sun and Salsa Fest.

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It was spicy in more ways than one yesterday at the 15th annual Sun and Salsa festival in Kensington.

Thousands of Calgarians took in the sights, sounds and tastes while enjoying a hot day in support of a good cause with proceeds from chips and water going towards The LEAD Foundation and Agape Hospice.

Salsa lovers sampled over 40 different salsas sparring it out for best salsa and some early favourites were on the tips of many tongues.

"I love salsa! And I love coming here every year. We've tried a few and I really like that organic salsa. It's very spicy and I like it spicy," Carrie Paxson said.

And married couple Clint and Lisa-Rose Berreth-Feragen also planned on trying all the types of salsa from the different vendors.

"I'm definitely here for the salsa. And the beer," Clint said.

"We just enjoy it all, and the street festival aspect of it is really cool, too. We come every year," Lisa-Rose added.

Former salsa champion Broken Plate was out for revenge this year, telling Metro they spiced up their salsa this year.

"We won three years in a row. And then we lost last year to Ten Cuisine. So we're looking to get our title back and we want to win," executive chef Erik Yeverino said.

Final results of the amount raised and best salsa weren't available at press time.

On the web

- See Sun and Salsa slideshow at *www.metronews.ca*

Tragic wreck no surprise to area residents

INTERSECTION After a fatal crash at James McKevitt Road and Spruce Meadows Trail SW, residents are voicing complaints about the dangers of the intersection.

Friday night, two vans collided at the crossroads, killing two males, a 67-year-old and a 45-year-old, and sending a 75-year-old male to hospital in critical condition.

Those in the area said that while it was tragic, it was, unfortunately, no surprise.

Shelley Parkinson, who works at Spruce Meadows, avoids the intersection at all costs, choosing dirt roads over crossing the 90 km per hour road at that intersection in her daily commute from Bridlewood. The intersection, she said, is at a strange angle and visibility is an issue.

"I have no idea why there are no lights there," she said.

That was the general consensus among those at Spruce Meadows, including president Linda Southern-Heathcott.

"People don't stop when they're supposed to," she said. Others from the area said the two one-way strips looked like two roads, confusing drivers unfamiliar with the area.

The crash investigation is ongoing, police said yesterday, though they don't believe charges will be laid.

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Lightning strikes again
A neighbour said a Friday lightning strike hit a home in Somerset, starting a fire in the attic and on the roof. Fire department officials said the fire caused about $75,000 damage. It is the second city home to be hit by lightning in the past 10 days. METRO CALGARY

Early intervention vital for re-offence prevention

Pair of locally-run youth programs are proving to be successful

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Proving early intervention is key in helping youth steer away from a life of crime, Calgary police have been making headway with a recent youth program.

According to the police 2007 Report to the Community, since its inception January 2006, the youth Gateway program has assisted almost 600 youth, with only 15 per cent re-offending.

"Actually it's been going really well so far and we have had a lot of success."
Christina Ngo

"Actually it's been going really well so far and we have had a lot of success. Most of the kids use the opportunity positively," Gateway assistant Christina Ngo told Metro.

While the Gateway program is for youths 12 to 18, they have to meet a certain criteria to become eligible. The youth must have only committed a minor, non-violent crime and take responsibility while showing remorse.

"We mostly see youth who have charges of theft under $5,000 so it's usually shoplifting. We then refer them where we see fit for them to finish the program."

The program aims to reduce the number of youth entering the formal justice system.

Another early intervention program called Youth at Risk Development (YARD) began in 2007 and also shows early success in helping youth at risk of gang activity.

Cst. Garret Swihart is one of two officers working closely with the at-risk youth to defer them away from gang life.

"It's been going well. We have had some successes and some disappointments. But it doesn't happen overnight, it's a process."

'Expensive drinks' for rowdy rafters

FINES "You booze, you lose" — that was the message bylaw was sending out to rowdy rafters breaking drinking rules on the city's waterways this weekend.

Bylaw boss Bill Bruce was shocked at how many people were reprimanded despite a pre-weekend warning.

"Weren't people listening? We said we would be out this weekend looking for people drinking and Sunday was even busier than Saturday," he said, adding over 500 rafters were stopped.

On Saturday alone, bylaw officers confiscated 350 bottles of liquor and issued over 20 tickets. An open liquor tickets will set back the recipient $115.

"That's an expensive drink. If you're out there standing in your raft waving your booze around, we're going to fine you."

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

Thousands kick up feet at Fiestaval

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

RECORD ATTENDANCE Salsa wasn't the only hot and spicy treat served up yesterday.

Sizzling Latin beats kept thousands of people moving under the hot sun down at Fiestaval yesterday at Olympic Plaza.

Over the two-day Latin festival, organizers Christian Greiffenstein and Jennifer Rempel, expected that about 40,000 people came out this year, smashing last year's count of 25,000 attendees.

"We want to show Calgary that we are a beautiful culture," said Greiffenstein, who lived in Colombia for 25 years. The festival showcased 28 performances, and included dance lessons in the mornings. Two bands also moved the party to Flames Central yesterday evening and Saturday night and continued the entertainment there.

In its second year, Greiffenstein said the main point was to prove that there were good things about the Latin culture, unlike much of the negative attention surrounding countries like Colombia suggests.

"People only hear the bad things," he said. "(But culture) is something Latin people are very proud of, including me."

But the crowds, ranging in age from infant to elderly, enjoyed food, folk lore, bands, and dancing mid-plaza, suggesting that the festival was doing its job.

"People just dig it," Greiffenstein said of the festival.

ALICIA FOX/FOR METRO CALGARY

Jenn Shaw and Reye Leduc spin their way through Olympic Plaza to the beat of X Band during Festival Latino yesterday afternoon.

Makeshift park drives home a point

URBAN REMOVAL Calgarians enjoying a walk along 17th Avenue yesterday may have noticed a sidewalk park sprout up overnight.

Maybe it wasn't the most conventional protest, but that's what made it so much fun, the man behind the "spontaneous park" said.

"We set this park up as a bit of an urban removal. We're trying to show that as a society we drive too much, our culture relies too much on the car," organizer Tavis Ford told Metro.

The makeshift park was more of a picnic, with "grass", benches, and even watermelon and juice just along 17th Ave and 5th St. SW.

"I slept here overnight. We've had a lot of people come out to support us and shake our hands and I think they get why we're doing it."

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

News in brief

FATAL CRASH An ultralight plane crash west of Caroline claimed the life of a 55-year-old man from Fort St. John, British Columbia, according to RCMP. The pilot was certified, but hadn't logged a lot of flight time with the specialty aircraft. METRO CALGARY

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Fallen soldier returning home
Cpl. James Hayward Arnal was killed by a roadside bomb during a foot patrol in Panjwaii district near Kandahar city on Friday. Hundreds of his fellow Canadian soldiers turned out to bid farewell as his flag draped coffin was loaded on to a flight bringing his body back to Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

"It's delayed by the politics of the thing."

Ken Elder, a retired federal government heritage architect, speaking about the ongoing Parliament Hill renovations.

renovations

A recently released Public Works budgets pegs the cost of renovating the Parliament Hill buildings at a minimum of $1 billion. The project is slated to take nearly a decade.

Footless body adds new twist

Cops solve part of B.C. mystery

RCMP have solved part of the mystery of the severed feet after matching one pair with a missing Vancouver man, but a new twist emerged this weekend with the disclosure that a footless body was found 16 months ago in Washington state.

Five feet, all in running shoes, have washed up on B.C. shorelines since last August. Sgt. Pierre Lemaitre said yesterday DNA samples confirm two of those feet belonged to a man from the Greater Vancouver area.

His family, who asked for privacy over the weekend so they could inform other relatives, had submitted the samples to the B.C. Coroner's Service. The man was apparently depressed, family members told RCMP.

"At this point, the major crime investigators feel that this is not as a result of foul play," Lemaitre said.

The other feet belong to two men and one woman, according to DNA samples, police say.

RCMP and the coroner's office are now awaiting FBI data on a body found with no feet just south of B.C. in the San Juan Islands of Washington state.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec City **Paul McCartney concert**

MATTHEW BELANGER/REUTERS

British singer Paul McCartney, right, performs during a concert on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City, yesterday. The much-anticipated show, McCartney's only scheduled performance in North America this year, is part of Quebec City's 400th birthday bash. Several Quebec sovereigntists had been questioning McCartney's participation because of his British roots.

Family mourns loss of B.C. model

SHANGHAI Friends and family of Diana O'Brien, a homesick, aspiring model who yearned to return to her Vancouver area home, gathered yesterday to remember the young woman and try to come to terms with her violent death in Shanghai.

Shanghai police arrested an 18-year-old in what they are calling a botched robbery attempt.

News in brief

SHOOTING The bodies of three men who had been shot were discovered early Sunday inside a vehicle in a residential area of west-end Toronto, police said. Police said the men died of gunshot wounds and all three were "suffering from trauma" and were pronounced dead at the scene.

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World

McMahon sues hospital

Ed McMahon, left, the longtime sidekick to U.S. talk show host Johnny Carson, sued a Los Angeles hospital Friday, claiming its doctors failed to diagnose his broken neck after a fall and discharged him without taking an X-ray. McMahon, 85, also accused Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of botching two subsequent spine operations.

Obama eyes troop swap

Calls for shift of some U.S. forces from Iraq to Afghanistan

U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama called the situation in Afghanistan "precarious and urgent" yesterday and said Washington should start planning to transfer more troops there from Iraq.

The Illinois Democrat spoke from Afghanistan on the CBS program Face The Nation after meeting privately with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on an overseas trip meant to bolster his foreign policy credentials.

"We have to understand that the situation is precarious and urgent here in Afghanistan and I believe this has to be the central focus, the central front, in our battle against terrorism," Obama said.

Obama was spending last night in Kuwait where he met the Gulf Arab state's emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah. He was due to fly to Iraq for meetings today.

He is also due to visit Jordan, Israel, Germany, France and Britain on a foreign tour he hopes will help answer Republican criticism that he lacks the experience to be commander-in-chief.

Obama wants to send two more brigades, or some 7,000 U.S. troops, to Afghanistan and shift the emphasis from what he calls the Bush administration's "single-minded" focus on Iraq.

"There's starting to be a growing consensus that it's time for us to withdraw some of our combat troops out of Iraq, deploy them here in Afghanistan ... Now is the time for us to do it."

If the United States waited for a new administration to take office, it could take a year to boost troop levels, he said.

Obama

Adm. Michael Mullen, President George W. Bush's top military adviser as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the situation in Afghanistan was mixed, but not dire. REUTERS

Deadly air strike

A foreign air strike killed nine Afghan policemen in western Afghanistan overnight after a clash in which both sides mistook the other for Taliban militants, Afghan officials said yesterday.

Separatists set off five bombs in Spain

ATTACK Five small bombs exploded in northern Spain yesterday, including four at popular seaside resorts in Cantabria, which were claimed by the Basque separatist group ETA and sent thousands of people fleeing for cover.

One woman was hurt by a flying stone and another treated for shock after the resort blasts, which hit at mid-day. They followed an early morning explosion outside a Barclays bank branch in a town near Bilbao.

The attacks marked the beginning of ETA's traditional summer bombing campaign, which targets holiday resorts as part of the group's four-decade struggle for an independent Basque state.

Many European schools have begun their summer holidays and the attacks are meant to hurt tourism, one of Spain's biggest foreign income earners. REUTERS

ETA weakening?

Spain's Socialist government says ETA has been severely weakened by a string of arrests, but the guerrilla group has staged more than a dozen attacks and killed two people since the beginning of the year.

U.K. boss Brown warns Iran

ATTACK In the first speech to the Israeli Knesset by a British prime minister, Gordon Brown today will warn Iran it faces growing isolation if it rejects an offer from major powers on its disputed nuclear program.

Brown will pledge to stand by Israel and condemn threats against the country by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, according to excerpts of the speech released by his office in advance.

"Iran now has a clear choice to make: Suspend its nuclear program and accept our offer of negotiations or face growing isolation and the collective response not of one nation but of many nations," Brown will say. REUTERS

Kidnapped tourists found in Turkey

ABANDONED Three German tourists kidnapped by Kurdish separatist guerrillas in eastern Turkey earlier this month have been found abandoned by their captors on a hillside, a Turkish official said yesterday.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the three, part of a 13-member climbing team seized on Mount Ararat near the Iranian border, were now in the care of staff at the German Embassy in Ankara. REUTERS

Big waves **Storm hits China's coast**

CHINA DAILY/REUTERS

People run from large waves yesterday, caused by tropical storm Kalmaegi hitting a levee in Jiangsu province, China.

News in brief

REBELS Two Iranian Revolutionary Guards were killed in fighting with rebels in a northwestern region, official media said yesterday, a part of Iran where security forces and Kurdish guerrillas have often clashed in the past.

EXECUTIONS At least eight women and one man have been sentenced to be stoned to death in Iran and may be executed at any time, the lawyers defending several of those sentenced said yesterday.

RELIGION Chinese police have removed a prominent Beijing-based pastor and his wife from the capital as it steps up efforts to control dissidents in the run-up to the Olympics, the South China Morning Post reported yesterday. REUTERS

Memorial held for Dziekanski

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Canada

POLAND A memorial service was held for Robert Dziekanski in his hometown this weekend, almost one year after he died at Vancouver International Airport.

On Saturday, mourners at a Roman Catholic Church in Pieszyce — a small town in southern Poland — were told by their priest that Dziekanski's death is a warning against the use of Tasers.

Outside the church, there is a grey stone marker with Dziekanski's photo and inscription that says he died tragically in Canada, and that his ashes will be buried in Poland and Canada. His mother, Zofia Cisowski, lives in Kamloops.

The non-English speaking Dziekanski arrived in Vancouver to start a new life with his mother last October. The two missed each other at the airport and Dziekanski became agitated after waiting about 10 hours alone. He was then Tasered at least twice by RCMP officers. The incident was videotaped and received attention worldwide.

The inquiry into Dziekanski's death will be held in October.

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Going Green

Light bulbs

If every Canadian household replaced just one 60-watt incandescent bulb with an Energy Star qualified 20-watt compact fluorescent bulb, the environmental benefit would be equivalent to taking 66,000 cars off the road, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

News in brief

FACEBOOK Team GreeNet, two students from B.C.'s Simon Fraser University, have created a Facebook application interface called GreeNet to raise awareness of unsustainable energy consumption. The GreeNet system provides users with an interface that acts as a virtual garden, where their participation in energy-conscious activities effects the growth of plants within that space. In addition to personal energy consumption, the consumption ratings of online friends who also use the GreeNet application are provided for comparison.

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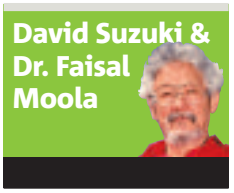

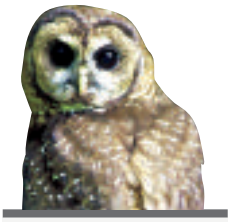

Biological richness

• B.C. is home to 76 per cent of Canada's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other plants and animals. That biological richness makes it a critical part of Canada's overall wealth. Only 16 northern spotted owls, above, are left in B.C.

One of my proudest moments came in 1992 at the inaugural Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Along with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (which in turn led to the Kyoto Protocol), a second key outcome of this international meeting was the signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a groundbreaking agreement founded on the principle that conserving biological diversity is "a common concern of all humankind." Canada was the first of 189 countries to sign the agreement.

B.C.'s Conservation Framework for protecting wildlife, released on July 9, made me realize, though, that all the agreements in the world won't add up to much if they aren't followed with action. For B.C., the stakes couldn't be higher. The government's new policy was accompanied by research on the health of the province's wildlife and wilderness, which paints a dire picture. Some 1,640 species (or 43 per cent of assessed wildlife) and four "biogeoclimatic zones" (about 5 per cent of B.C.'s land base) are threatened enough to be of conservation concern.

B.C. and Alberta are the only provinces that don't have endangered species laws. But these laws are essential to addressing such a serious problem.

British Columbia needs a clear law to recover wildlife at risk and to protect habitat to prevent species from becoming at risk in the first place. B.C. could look to Ontario, which enacted a new Endangered Species Act in 2007. Although the Ontario law isn't perfect, it includes strong wording for habitat protection and mandatory planning for the recovery of endangered and threatened species.

The loss of biodiversity affects not just the production of commodities like the food we eat, the timber we use to build our homes, and the medicines we use to heal ourselves, but many other so-called "ecosystem services" as well, like clean air and clean water. However, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the ecosystem services provided by nature are threatened by human actions, such as unsustainable logging, pollution, and global warming.

It's been 16 years since my hopes were raised that humanity was on the right track to creating a world that recognized the importance of biodiversity to human survival. And yet, the crisis in biodiversity has worsened. The B.C. government, along with all of Canada, still has the opportunity to lead the way. Its new policy for wildlife protection may be a start, but it doesn't match the kind of leadership the province has shown in combating global warming.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org.*

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Corn belt prices jump 20 per cent
Farm prices in the corn belt of America jumped 20-plus per cent last year. Economists say the gains seem to be based on anticipated profits from future harvests, not speculation. If prices turn lower, the sector could suffer. METRO

Business

Water heater alert

Customers who rent water heaters from Direct Energy are being warned about pitches from door-to-door salesmen from a rival company hoping to lock them into a long-term contract of up to 15 years or face a penalty to break the contract. Direct Energy customers can remove their rented water heaters without paying a penalty.
METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bids slow to trickle

Auction may be nearing end

A morning round of bidding in Canada's wireless spectrum auction on Friday produced no new offers, suggesting the months-long process that could result in a new national wireless phone provider may soon end.

After the bidless round passed, a single new offer trickled in around noon and a handful of others arrived throughout the afternoon before bidding concluded for the weekend.

The auction of rights to airwaves for wireless telecom services has so far raised $4.25 billion in more than 300 rounds of bidding. That is more than double the amount analysts had expected.

Auction managers will wait for a period without any new bids before officially declaring the end of the auction. Bidding kicked off in late May, with 292 spectrum licenses offered across the country.
REUTERS

top bidders

Rogers had bid the most on licenses at $997 million. Of the newcomers, the top bidder was a company controlled by Montreal-based Quebecor Inc. with $555 million.

Mattel prevails in Bratz copyright trial

TOY WARS Mattel Inc won a nearly complete victory in its U.S. federal copyright infringement case against rival MGA Entertainment over which toymaker owns the original drawings for the $1 billion-plus US Bratz fashion doll franchise.

The decision could have far-reaching implications if Mattel wins an injunction to stop MGA from selling Bratz, the main rival to its Barbie dolls.

The California jury last week found that the creator of the Bratz dolls, Carter Bryant, created their characters and the name while he was under contract as a Barbie designer at Mattel. Other than four drawings that Bryant testified he made in a notebook while on an eight-month hiatus from Mattel in 1998, MGA lost the rights to all drawings of the Bratz line.

MGA's Bratz dolls and a Mattel Barbie Doll, bottom centre, on display in a London store.

The verdict could be the start of a reversal of fortune for MGA, which grew Bratz from drawings to a multibillion-dollar franchise in seven years as Mattel watched market share for its venerable Barbie line melt away.
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News in brief

JOBS Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson, hit hard by a fall in demand for its more expensive phones, posted a $3.17 million loss for the second quarter and said it would shed about 2,000 jobs.
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LOANS As the pain of the credit crisis spreads from housing and finance to the economy, small companies warn it is increasingly difficult to obtain loans, which could push the U.S. into recession.
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Beach volleyball

Toronto's Mark Heese, a medallist in 1996, and Ahren Cadieux have failed to qualify for Beijing. The pair needed to place in the top 10 last week in France in the final qualification tournament, but placed 17th. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beijing Games

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Germany rounds out hoops field

BASKETBALL Germany won the final qualifying spot for the men's tournament in Beijing with a 96-82 win over Puerto Rico yesterday.

Germany joins Croatia, which knocked out Canada on Friday, and Greece, who both qualified on Saturday, in the 12-team field.

Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki led Germany with 32 points, while L.A. Clippers centre Chris Kaman added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

GYMNASTICS Olympic all-round champion Paul Hamm confirmed his place in the U.S. gymnastics team for the Beijing Games on Saturday after proving he had recovered from a broken right hand, team officials said.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

INSTANT ATTRACTION It took Tracy Cameron less than a week in a scull to decide rowing was going to take her to the Olympics. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

17 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

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Long hours of training and working a steady job just don't mix for top athletes, making the financial burden even greater.

'It's been a struggle'

Financing career as an athlete has been tough, swimmer Sioui says

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Chasing girls got Adam Sioui into the pool and sustained satisfaction kept him there, but it was parental pocketbooks that provided him buoyancy for 17 years.

Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce said the "image of the 'poor starving athlete' is now pretty much a myth," and while Sioui's ribs aren't sticking together, he humbly begs to differ.

"It has definitely been a struggle," said Sioui, a three-event swimming representative for Canada in Beijing. "If my parents weren't there to give me money, to give me support of all kinds, it's hard to say, but I don't think I would have made it to this level."

His mother, Lori, Beijing-bound along with his father Stephen and sister Devon, said she "can't even begin to guess" how much dough freely flowed from family coffers and spilled into her son's career.

She doesn't want to know, either.

"We always found the money somewhere. We never regretted spending one dime because, as a parent, when your child is into something like that, you just find ways to make it work," she said. "Now that he's accomplished his dream, it's all worth it."

In February, the federal government pledged $20 million for Summer Olympic-calibre athletes over the next two years and $24 million every year thereafter.

Only $8 million will hit bank accounts in 2008. That's a far cry from the $110 million committed in the Own The Podium program for Vancouver 2010, and too late for Canada's Beijing medal hopefuls such as Sioui, the NCAA's 2002 butterfly champ as a freshman on full scholarship at the University of Florida, who has seen the best and worst of times.

At the age of 18, with nine years' experience tucked into his Speedo, the 6-foot-6 swimmer missed the 2000 Olympics by three-tenths of a second. It was the first time he'd ever missed a target time, and the first time he'd failed to make a team.

A lack of confidence evaporated his second Olympic trial try in 2004, missing the mark by six-tenths of a second.

Olympic swimmer Adam Sioui is no stranger to the financial struggles of being a high-performance athlete.

"I needed a fresh start, a fresh outlook. Swimming just takes you over ... and if you don't have a balance in your life, it can be detrimental to a fault," he says.

After moving to train at the University of Calgary two years ago, the Trenton, Ont., registered Huron Tribe member got his fresh start, his "last shot unless something miraculous happens."

He's in the best form of his career and his coach, Jan Bidrman, who will be on deck in Beijing, said the 4x200-metre freestyle relay medal contender is one of the best swimmers the University of Calgary has "ever seen," putting him in the ranks of Curtis Myden, three-time Olympic bronze medallist.

A part-time job would have derailed his Olympic dreams "because swimming is pretty close to a full-time job at this level," he says.

"I definitely couldn't have done this alone."

by the numbers

$21,000 The rough amount Adam Sioui receives in grants from agencies.

1:57.98 Sioui's time in the 200-metre butterfly at the Beijing Olympic Trials, smashing an eight-year-old Canadian record.

9 The age at which Sioui, now 26, started swimming with the Dolphins club.

2 The amount of time in weeks that Sioui took off from swimming last year.

60 kilometres is his average weekly swim.

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MLB
The San Francisco Giants traded second baseman Ray Durham to the Milwaukee Brewers yesterday for outfield prospect Darren Ford and left-handed pitcher Steve Hammond. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Wozniak wins WTA event

Canadian qualifier Aleksandra Wozniak, left, captured her first WTA title by defeating sixth seed Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the Stanford Classic yesterday. Wozniak became the first Canadian woman to win a title since 1988. The native of Blainville, Que., is projected to break into the world's top 50 when the new rakings are released today. Reuters

Harrington repeats as Open champion

Irishman ends veteran Norman's dream

Padraig Harrington, playing one of the best rounds of his life, defied strong gusting winds to complete a successful British Open title defence with a commanding four-shot victory yesterday.

After duelling for supremacy with overnight leader Greg Norman on the front nine, Irishman Harrington broke clear of the pack with birdies on 13 and 15 to tighten his grip on the coveted Claret Jug.

In glorious late afternoon sunshine at Royal Birkdale, the 36-year-old struck a majestic second shot to just three feet at the par-five 17th, setting up an eagle to put the championship beyond the reach of his rivals.

Harrington, whose title defence was in doubt at the start of the event because of an injury to his right wrist, parred the last for a one-under 69, a three-over tally of 283 and his second major victory.

"I really felt good out there," a beaming Harrington told reporters after covering the back nine in a four-under 32. "I hit the ball probably every bit as solid as I've ever hit it.

"Very few people have won back-to-back majors. Coming into this week I was trying to play that down but winning a second one does set you apart. There are less people in that club.

"It was a fantastic experience coming down the 18th knowing I had won the Open," added the Dubliner, who will rise to a career-high third in the world rankings today.

Britain's Ian Poulter, helped by three birdies in the last 10 holes, also signed off with a 69 to secure second place at seven over.

Australian Norman, bidding to become the oldest major champion at 53, had to settle for a tie for third at nine over after squandering a two-shot overnight lead and a one-stroke advantage with nine holes remaining.

The former world No. 1 bogeyed his first three holes en route to a 77.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," said Norman. "That would be an understatement if I didn't say I was disappointed. But it was a tough day today."

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ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Padraig Harrington celebrates with the Claret Jug after winning the 137th British Open yesterday at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

Flames bring in free agent Roy

NHL The Calgary Flames signed free agent forward Andre Roy yesterday.

The 33-year-old spent last season with Tampa Bay and in 63 games he scored four goals and added three assists.

Roy

Over 10 seasons in the NHL, which included stops with Boston, Ottawa and Pittsburgh, he has recorded 32 goals and 33 assists in 471 contests.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Washington Redskins filled the void left by Phillip Daniels' season-ending injury by trading for star defensive end Jason Taylor from the Miami Dolphins. In exchange for Taylor, Miami will receive Washington's second-round selection in 2009 and sixth-round pick in 2010.

RACING McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won a thrilling German Grand Prix yesterday to forge four points clear of Ferrari's Felipe Massa at the top of the Formula One championship.

CYCLING South African industrial group Barloworld will end its cycling team sponsorship after the Tour de France following a positive dope test by one of its riders.

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Joseph rallies Argos past Esks

ARGONAUTS 35 ESKIMOS 31

Kerry Joseph scampered for the game-winning touchdown run to cap a 109-yard drive with less than a minute remaining as the Toronto Argonauts came away with a thrilling 35-31 comeback win in the back end of a home-and-home series against the Edmonton Eskimos.

Joseph was brilliant with his arm and his legs, throwing for 343 yards and a touchdown on 22-of-38 efficiency and rushing for 118 yards and the go-ahead score.

Rookie James Robinson, who made his CFL debut in last week's 47-28 loss to Edmonton, recorded 10 receptions for a whopping 194 yards and a TD. Dominique Dorsey added 62 yards on the ground to go with a touchdown run.

Edmonton's Ricky Ray finished with 295 yards and a touchdown on 20-of-33 passes. Fred Stamps was a recipient of five balls for 112 yards and a score, while Kamau Peterson hauled in four catches for 103 yards. A.J. Harris compiled a team-high 52 rushing yards on nine carries as the Eskimos fell to 2-2 on the year.

Trailing 31-28, the Argos took the ball at their own goal-line with less than two minutes left in the game. Using quick strikes in the passing game, Toronto worked its way down the field and were aided by a roughing the passer penalty.

Joseph

On the 11th play of the drive, Joseph called his own number and rushed through the right side of the offensive line, somersaulting over defenders and into the end zone for the 13-yard game-winning touchdown.

The 109-yard drive lasted just one-minute 16 seconds.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 9 Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 6 Seattle 2
Detroit 5 Baltimore 1
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 7
L.A. Angels 5 Boston 3
N.Y. Yankees 2 Oakland 1
Texas 1 Minnesota 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Houston 0
Colorado 11 Pittsburgh 3
Florida 3 Philadelphia 2 (11 ings)
L.A. Dodgers 6 Arizona 5
Milwaukee 7 San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 7 Cincinnati 5 (10 ings)
St. Louis 9 San Diego 5
Washington 15 Atlanta 6

TONIGHT'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05
Toronto at Baltimore, 5:05
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 6:10
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 6:11
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 8:05
Boston at Seattle, 8:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 5:05
Atlanta at Florida, 5:10
San Diego at Cincinnati, 5:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 6:05
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:05
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 7:40

CFL

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	4	0	0	8
CALGARY	3	1	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	4
B.C.	2	2	0	4

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	2	0	4
Toronto	2	2	0	4
Hamilton	1	3	0	2
Winnipeg	0	4	0	0

WEEK 4

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Toronto 35 Edmonton 31

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New chancellor for VIU

Chief Shawn Atleo was appointed as the first chancellor of the new Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University-College) recently. Chief Atleo serves as the Regional Chief of B.C. to the Assembly of First Nations, and is a member of the AFN Executive Committee. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Rocky collective

Three B.C. colleges have formed a partnership to provide more integrated programs and services to students living in the province's interior regions. The presidents of Selkirk College, Okanagan College and the College of the Rockies have signed an agreement to collaborate. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Best friends bring business into mix

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Television producers Connie Contardi and Jocelyn Mercer are proof positive that sometimes best friends make the best business partners.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Jocelyn Mercer, left, with Connie Contardi are best friends and business partners, which paid off with Mr. Friday.

The two ambitious 28-year-olds, who just hit the big time with their reality show Mr. Friday premiering on the Slice network this month, finish each other's sentences and share plenty of hearty guffaws in the production office of their company, CJ Mercon Productions. Mercer explains the key to staying grounded is keeping sight of the bigger picture.

"No matter what we go through as partners, we do it because we want to, not because we have to," Mercer said.

Contardi and Mercer both agree having similar tastes goes a long way to making it easy to work together.

"Nine out of 10 times we're creatively on the same page — we tend to gravitate towards the same ideas and concepts," Contardi said.

Laughing at the same jokes or enjoying the same movies creates a powerful connection that carries over to their work, Contardi says. For Mercer, that's one advantage friends have in the work environment — they are already inclined to work well together.

"We both really respect each other and trust each other so we find a way to work it out. At the end of the day the most important thing to us is our friendship," Mercer said.

Appropriately, their show Mr. Friday was born out of friendship as well. Derek Friday, the star of the reality show about a rich kid who trades lives with working-class people for a day, is a longtime friend of Mercer's. She got the idea for the show by seeing Friday's glamorous life as a model and trust-fund baby living off his parents' considerable wealth. When his mother threatened to take away Friday's fortune unless he took pains to learn the value of honest, hard work, Mercer knew she and Contardi had a killer premise for a show. Contardi describes it as "a cooler, hipper Dirty Jobs" with an uplifting turn since while Friday gets down and dirty in jobs at the zoo, a kick-boxing gym or cleaning ditches, the lucky "swapee" gets pampered in luxury for a day.

Slice ordered 13 episodes for the series and the show's production was made possible by a partnership with experienced production house Temple Street Productions. Now Contardi and Mercer are already hungrily pursuing new show ideas. Their brainstorm sessions benefit from the zany sense of humour they share.

"We love to have fun and act like we're 10. We're both very impatient and driven and we like to think big." Mercer said.

Mercer and Contardi also say being able to pursue a career alongside a best friend is its own reward.

"To get to share the success you've had with somebody you love is really what life is all about," Mercer said.

married to work

Both women admit they spend almost every waking moment working and coming up with new ideas — they even bought each other symbolic engagement rings since they're so "married" to their work.

Commute forces many sacrifices

The impact of escalating fuel costs has taken its toll on many commuters. Of the 89 per cent of workers who said they drive to work, nearly half (47 per cent) reported they had to give up something in order to afford the gas needed for their commute. This is according to *CareerBuilder.com's* latest survey completed in June 2008 of more than 8,700 workers nationwide.

When asked to identify what they had to forego in order to accommodate higher fuel prices, workers reported they:

- Ate out less, 35 per cent;
- Spent less money on entertainment, 31 per cent;
- Bought less expensive groceries, 27 per cent;
- Shopped for clothes less, 24 per cent;
- Did not go on vacation, 21 per cent;
- Eliminated cable, magazine subscriptions, etc., 11 per cent;
- Did not attend a function where they would be expected to bring a gift, 9 per cent;
- Cut back on their child's extracurricular activities, 4 per cent.

"Today's workers have had to modify personal budgets, spending choices and commuting habits to manage the adverse effects today's gas prices have had on their pocketbooks," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at *CareerBuilder.com*. "One-in-10 workers said they would take a pay cut for a job with a shorter commute."

Haefner recommends the following tips to stretch your commuting dollars:

- Check for office perks: Twelve per cent of workers reported their employers offer some form of financial reimbursement for the commute.
- Try carpooling: Not only does carpooling promote a healthier environment, it also contributes to a healthier bank account.
- Telecommute: The cheapest way to travel is no travel at all. More employers today are offering flexible work arrangements.
- Get in shape: Walk or ride your bike to work.

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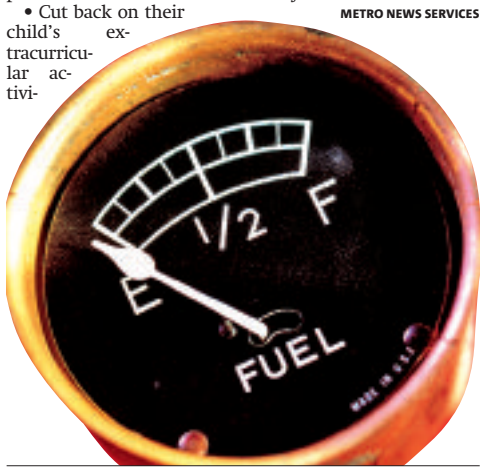

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Sault College unveils campus wind turbine
Sault College, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., held a grand opening ceremony yesterday for the Brookfield Renewable Energy Training Centre, as well as the inaugural operation of its wind turbine, which will generate power for the college's Student Life Centre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'The melding of science and art'

Caster's job spotlights ancient bones

OddJobs

In 1977, the paleontology department at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum wanted a technician who could mould and cast fossils. Fresh out of the fine arts program with a specialization in sculpture at the University of Guelph, Peter May thought he could do the job.

At the interview, however, he just wanted to get his hands dirty on the museum's new technology. "I didn't care about the job, I just wanted to know how they were making moulds." Soon, he had dust all over his good suit. "I don't know anything about dinosaurs," he told the interviewer. "Don't worry, it'll come," he was told. May was hired on the spot.

Now, nearly 30 years later, 53-year-old May runs Trenton, Ont.'s Research Casting International, one of the few companies in the world that moulds and casts dinosaur bones and other fossils, and mounts full museum installations. Over the last twenty years, he and his staff have worked on 250 museum exhibits around the world, including the Barosaurus "Gordo" at the ROM and the dinosaur exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Back in 1986, while he was working as the ROM's head technician, May started getting calls from other museums. May would rent space to put together a dinosaur or fossil exhibit, and would shut down until the next job. "One day it never shut down," says May. Eventually, he left the ROM — business was booming as many museums didn't have the proper ventilation to do work that created fumes.

May recently moved his 20-employee company to a 48,000-square-foot site in Trenton. Here, staff can start with a dinosaur bone still stuck in rock and extract it using chisels, picks and mechanical equipment. They then harden and preserve the fossil with liquid plastic. To duplicate the bone for an exhibit, staff makes a mould out of plastic and fill it with fibreglass, epoxy or cement. The bone's then painted and May's blacksmith — one of his few highly trained staff members, most others learn on the job just like he did — creates the metal armature to put the animal together.

After staff assembles the dinosaur, they send pictures out to experts to make sure the bone placement and pose are correct. In modular parts, the animal gets crated up and shipped to the museum, where staff will put it back up again.

These days, May spends most of his time running the company. But every once in awhile he feels the need to get his hands dirty, so he goes down to the floor to help mould or mount a dinosaur when a deadline is pressing. "It's exciting work. It's working with your hands and being creative. The melding of science and art."

One of the only places in the world that casts dinosaur bones for museums is in Trenton, Ont.

Diane Peters is a professional journalist and instructor at Ryerson University's School of Journalism in Toronto.

The Lowdown
Dinosaur Caster

- **Salary:** Up to $25 an hour
- **Education:** Anything from a degree in English to fine arts to blacksmith training will do — you learn mainly on the job.
- **Best Part of the Job:** "Mounting the skeleton. As you're working on the skeleton, you're thinking about the animal, what it was doing."
- **The Worst Part of the Job:** "Hitting a deadline." PETER MAY

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Desperate ending
Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry has set a deadline for the hit show to come to an end — insisting the program will definitely finish in 2011. "We're going to get out while people still like us," he said. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Lennon project
John Lennon's upbringing is to be the subject of a new film. Nowhere Boy will examine Lennon's formative years and the influence his aunt and parents had on his talent for music. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning on July 18:

1. **The Dark Knight:** $155.3 million US
2. **Mamma Mia!:** $27.6 million
3. **Hancock:** $14 million
4. **Journey to the Center of the Earth:** $11.9 million
5. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army:** $10 million
6. **WALL-E:** $9.8 million
7. **Space Chimps:** $7.4 million
8. **Wanted:** $5.1 million
9. **Get Smart:** 4.1 million
10. **Kung Fu Panda:** $1.8 million

REUTERS

box office record

Batman opening tops Spider-Man

MOVIES The new Batman movie The Dark Knight smashed the weekend record set by Spider-Man 3 last year, selling an estimated $155.3 million US worth of tickets during its first three days across the United States and Canada, distributor Warner Bros. Pictures said yesterday.

The film, co-starring late actor Heath Ledger as the Joker, surpassed the $151.1 million haul for Spider-Man 3. REUTERS

In brief

TV Shannon Doherty's former co-star Tori Spelling says she is excited the actress will be joining the upcoming Beverly Hills, 90210 spinoff. News that Doherty has joined the new cast, "is amazing," says Spelling. PEOPLE.COM

MVP called up for DVD

Cancelled CBC hockey series finds success on U.S. soap opera channel

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

Fans of MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, can now watch the first season as many times as they wish, with the show's DVD now available in Canada.

"It's all part of the next chapter in the MVP story. The show that just won't die," said Dillon Casey, who plays rookie hockey player Trevor Lemonde.

The show is a fictional take on the lives of hockey players as well as their wives and girlfriends, when they are off the ice.

After being cancelled on CBC, the series found new life on ABC's SOAPnet, a U.S. cable subscription television channel. The first season is being broadcast on the channel, broadening the show's fan base.

MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, starring Dillon Casey as a rookie hockey player, is now available in stores on DVD.

While the future of the show is still up in the air, Joanne Dullard of Screen Door, the production company currently representing the series, is looking forward to what will become of the series.

"We're very hopeful for the future of MVP. It's being well-received in the U.S. and we're thrilled with the success on ABC's SOAPnet."

After being scheduled on CBC's Friday night schedule, the series was moved to Tuesday at 9 p.m., where it was up against American Idol on CTV. The show was eventually cancelled due to poor ratings.

"I just felt we never really got a fair showing to let the country see who we were and what the show is about," said Deborah Odell, who plays one of the lead roles as Evelyn McBride in the series.

Now that the show has transitioned from CBC to SOAPnet, MVP is now being considered a soap opera. But Casey believes MVP is different than some of its competitors.

"It doesn't try to be something that it's not. It's very edgy, Canadian television," he said. "It just goes for it. It's very risky; it's got a lot of good characters, very strong women and just explores the world (of hockey)."

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Make the most of those tiny living spaces

Fancy, ahem, cramming in a little extra where you, ahem, need it most? Stick with us kids — we've got it sorted. However crammed your house or tight your condo, here's how to max up and make it — at least feel — far more commodious.

Be flexible: Use 'smart' double duty furniture such as sofas which unfold into beds, coffee tables that rise to become dining tables or upholstered ottomans with removable tops that would make the perfect seat, toy box or foot stool.

Make a wheel difference: Position wheeled storage cubes, side lamps atop, either side of your sofa for a slick modern esthetic. Fancy a change? Remove lamps and push into the centre of your space to make the perfect coffee table. But there's more — lift the lids for access to magazines, books and newspapers.

Small-scale thinking: To maximize space, lose that PC in favour of a small, slim laptop that can be stored away easily. Or swap elaborate outsize squashy chesterfields for smaller compact sofas and chairs.

Behind closed doors: We recently created a glorious white galley kitchen in a tiny London condo and, because our client works from home, assigned one side of the room to food prep and the other to his stock market business. On first glance the long white room looks like kitchen heaven, however open doors on one side and computer, files and photocopier suddenly appear. What's more, a section of worktop pulls out by 18 inches to create a handy desk where our chap can go about his business! Close the doors, push back the counter and culinary calm is restored.

Discover you're big downstairs! Don't ignore one of your biggest assets! Instead, dive below into the great Canadian basement to create awesome possibilities. Rather than languish in what's little more than a dank messy storage zone, consider the benefits of a finished basement. We're thinking guest suite, home office, children's play room, spa bathroom.

Colin & Justin's The Home Show airs Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays on HGTV. Please check TV listings for local show times.

The Barenaked Ladies has pulled out of a children's charity show organized by Walt Disney Co. after lead singer Steven Page was charged with possessing cocaine, the band said in a statement posted on its website Friday. REUTERS

Undeclared short, but sweet

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Jay Baruchel fondly remembers the short-lived show Undeclared.

REVENGE IS SWEET: While interviewing Jay Baruchel for Just Buried, his latest film, I couldn't resist asking the Montreal native about his experiences on Undeclared, the short-lived Fox series that lasted just 17 episodes in the fall of 2001 before being cancelled by the axe-happy network.

He jumped on the subject with relish, clearly able to get past the bad memories of the show's ignominious end and enjoy the reputation the show now enjoys, and the success that its cast — which included Baruchel alongside Seth Rogen and Jason Segel — and creator, Judd Apatow, have enjoyed since then.

"It was my introduction to America with the exception of the three days of work I did on Almost Famous," Baruchel recalls. "I was like, 'Oh, we're going to rehearse and improvise, and what character am I playing? You're basing the character on me? That's fucking crazy. Literally there were no characters. We rehearsed for three weeks in workshops and they based the pilot on that. Which is pretty uncommon, you're never given that much freedom. And then throughout the shooting of the series, every actor, every writer, every director was like 'This is the best show on television, isn't it?' I can't tell you how much that informs the work when everybody — it's different to say it than to generally know it, and we generally knew that we were funnier and stronger than anything else on TV, so I can't tell you what that feels like, making a show like that."

Things got bad fast, though, and when Apatow wasn't fending off witless "notes" sent down from production executives, Fox was preempting the show for sports events or reruns of That '70s Show, its lead-in, and showing episodes out of order. With the announcement of That '80s Show, Baruchel and the cast saw the writing on the wall.

"We went to this Fox party, which they were trying to make like our farewell thing — they said 'You guys can come — we'll give you one more party you can show up to.' We show up and it's all purple lighting and there are Madonna impersonators walking around and Michael Jackson impersonators, and I was like, 'We're really getting cancelled, aren't we?' I can't think of something that's more an antithesis of Undeclared than That '80s Show."

Undeclared might have been canned after 17 episodes, but its DVD box set is a cherished item — a status the three aired episodes of That '80s show will never enjoy, and Baruchel says that he still gets a kick out of gloating about it all.

"Anybody who tells you any different is lying. Very much so. As petty as it sounds, there are few things that feel as good as watching somebody that has the power to make or break careers eating crow and humble pie. I know how it tastes; I'd like them to tell me how it tastes. I always want to hear it from them."

GONE FISHING: That's it for me for two weeks, while I retreat to a cabin overlooking the Bay Of Fundy with no television. See you all in August.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Showtime eyes Falco series

NEW SHOW Showtime is close to giving a series pickup to an untitled dark comedy starring Edie Falco. The Sopranos veteran plays a strong-willed, iconoclastic New York nurse juggling the frenzied grind of an urban hospital and an equally challenging personal life. REUTERS

Edie Falco

In brief

DRAMA Actor William Petersen's exit from the CBS hit CSI: Crime Scene Investigation opens the door for a new character to join the show's crime-busting team — only this one just could be a crazed killer. The show's new addition will be a scientist with a dark secret — his genetic makeup is similar to that of known killers.

MUSIC After moving nearly 3 million copies of its 2005 debut album, Extreme Behavior, Oklahoma City rock band Hinder is eyeing another big release with its new album, Take It To The Limit. The disc, due Nov. 4, is already off to a strong start with the single Use Me. REUTERS

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critics' corner

The Big Bang Theory
Uh-oh. Trouble in nerd paradise! The organizers of a physics conference invite Sheldon and Leonard (Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki) to give a presentation on their joint findings. Sheldon, however, wants no part of it. When Penny (Kaley Cuoco) tries to help the roomies resolve their differences, she just makes things worse. Kunal Nayyar also stars in "The Cooper-Hofstadter Polarization." 9 PM on KREM

The Diviners
It only took a couple of decades, but author Margaret Laurence's 1974 Governor General's Award-winning novel made it to the small screen. This 1993 adaptation follows the life of strong-willed prairie novelist Morag Gunn, played at various ages by Alicia Panetta, Mairon Bennett and Sonja Smits. Tom Jackson and Jennifer Podemski also star. 10 PM on APTN

Sweethearts no more? The love affair between The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant and Shayne Lamas has ended. Just two days after Page Six reported Lamas had cheated on Grant with Las Vegas media mogul Justin Weneger, Lamas phoned Grant and called off the coupling. **PAGESIX.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney to pay K-Fed

SETTLEMENT Britney Spears' custody settlement with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, in which he retained sole custody of the couple's two sons, came at a price, *People.com* reports.

A source close to the singer confirms she'll now pay Federline $20,000 US a month in child support, an increase from $15,000.

Federline's lawyer, Mark Vincent Kaplan, also demanded and received $250,000 for his work on the case, the source adds.

"All Britney was seeking was a formalization of her increased visitation that she's obtained over recent weeks, and the additional overnight," the source said. "She won both of those requests."

Spears, who is represented by lawyer Laura Wasser, currently sees her sons twice a week with one overnight. The source adds that she will get an additional overnight by year's end, barring any setbacks.

At a press conference following Friday's hearing, Kaplan declined to address any monetary settlement.

"This has been a long ordeal (for Kevin)," Kaplan said, "and for it to be over makes him very happy."

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Jolie, twins leave hospital

HEADING HOME Angelina Jolie and her twins left the hospital early Saturday, a week after she gave birth to Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, *People.com* reports.

"Angelina Jolie left the Clinic Santa Maria of Fondation Lenval early in the morning of July 19th," hospital rep Nadine Bauer confirmed to People.

"The mother and babies are doing very well."

There were only a few journalists camped outside the Fondation Lenval hospital in Nice, France, early Saturday morning but even they didn't know for sure when Jolie slipped out of the hospital with her twins at 4 a.m. local time.

Jolie and the newest Jolie-Pitts left Lenval to join their excited siblings — Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; Zahara, 3; and Shiloh, 2 — at Chateau Miraval, the enormous and luxurious chateau in Correns, France, that Jolie and partner Brad Pitt rented in May.

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Madonna upset over bro's book

SIBLING RIFT Madonna is devastated her brother Christopher Ciccone has written a tell-all book about her life, according to the superstar's estranged sibling.

Speaking on U.K. TV show Gmtv on Friday, Ciccone revealed: "We do still e-mail but we haven't spoken (since the book was published)."

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celebrity brief

Aniston shelling out for Mayer?

BEAUTY Jennifer Aniston has reportedly been spending $80,000 US a month on her appearance, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 39-year-old actress is allegedly worried her younger boyfriend, John Mayer, 30, will leave her for a younger woman and so has been splashing out to maintain her looks and figure. The sum reportedly includes $2,000 on a personal chef and $1,500 for one-on-one yoga sessions with Los Angeles' top instructor, Mary Ingber.

"Jennifer doesn't have time to prepare her own healthy meals, so she's signed up with this organic, high-protein, low-fat meal delivery service," a source said. Aniston has reportedly been shelling out on beauty treatments costing her hundreds of dollars a time. A source added to Britain's Grazia magazine: "Jen invests up to $600 a month on maintaining her hair too."

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Troyer settles sex tape lawsuit

PEOPLE Actor Verne Troyer has settled a $20-million US lawsuit against the distributor and website which published his sex tape, *imdb.com* reports.

The footage — featuring Troyer's ex girlfriend Ranae Shrider — hit the Internet last month, and Troyer successfully fought to have the tape removed from *TMZ.com*, which posted the video. Shrider has confessed to deliberately handing the video over to the media, claiming she acted in revenge after the Austin Powers star allegedly cheated on her — which the actor denies. She also defended her right to release the footage, insisting she is a partial owner.

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celebrity brief

Hayek, fiancé axe engagement

RELATIONSHIPS Salma Hayek has ended her engagement to billionaire Francois-Henri Pinault, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Hayek gave birth to their daughter Valentina in September.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kate won't butt out

SMOKING Kate Moss is refusing to quit smoking, insisting "it's who I am," *imdb.com* reports. She says, "I don't want to create a phony facade. I think I just have to be myself, or I'd just be a paranoid mess."

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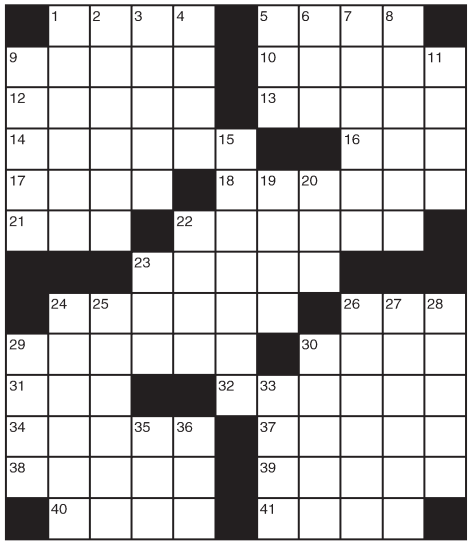
Memorial Actors Billy Crystal, at right, and Robert De Niro are spearheading a campaign to build a memorial for the victims of the 9/11 attacks in New York. Crystal has been named director of National September 11 Memorial and Museum Foundation. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



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10 Might
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22 Angelic
23 College study
24 Fiddle
26 Toupee's kin
29 Messy room
30 Bike part
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37 Stockpile
38 Like Thor
39 Binge
40 Clarinet part
41 Knee protectors

Crossword down

1 Limber
2 Spotted cat
3 Quiver item
4 Paper quantity
5 Healthful retreat
6 Gear part
7 Come to
8 Upbraid
9 Afternoon TV
11 Some wines
15 2008 Olympics site
19 Stratford river
20 Polite address
22 Valley
23 Swabbing tool
24 Try to win
25 Pay no heed to
26 Spell expert
27 Van Gogh subject
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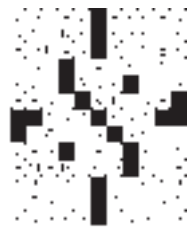


This day in history

JULY 21, 1865: In the market square of Springfield, Mo, Wild Bill Hickok shoots Dave Tutt dead in what is regarded as the first true western showdown.
JULY 21, 1960: Sirimavo Bandaranaike becomes the first woman prime minister in the world, making her the first elected female national leader in the world (Sri Lanka).
JULY 21, 1969: Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first men to walk on the Moon, during the Apollo 11 mission.
JULY 21, 1983: The world's lowest temperature is recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica at −89.2°C (−129°F).
JULY 21, 2007: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows was released at 00:01 worldwide; the book broke sales records as the fastest-selling book ever, selling more than 11 million copies in the first 24 hours.

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Truth is found in thoughtless actions. An obligation is mentioned in a clever story. Confirm your role and resentment will ease.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't pressure yourself about personal conflicts. A whiner enables you to blossom. A man will have all the answers.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Observer reveals the truth. Calm your emotions when dealing with a puzzling situation. Don't laugh when a scoundrel overhears gossip.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A wounded egotist takes out rage on innocent people. A family crisis will pass. Provide support during an unexpected health crisis.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's OK to differ with a dark-haired man. There'll be improvements after a decision is made. Loneliness and alienation will pass.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get welcome news about a younger person. Be emotionally detached when making a choice. Time is running out for a blonde.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't feel stricken if nobody wants to mingle. A captivating person will take a drastic step. Don't fall in love with an overwrought person.

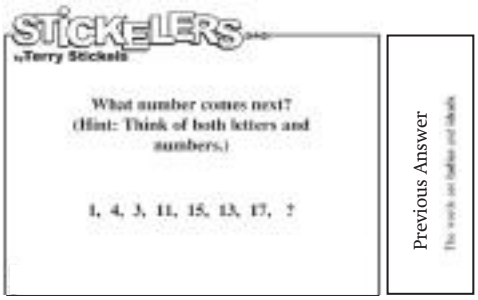
SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Time will heal every wound. An exceptional event comes to a conclusion. A manager becomes a persuasive fiend.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Healing occurs in a stimulating encounter. A good friend will be depressing. There's a happy journey to be taken.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A legal issue begins to irritate. Get in on the action by being open minded. A fantastic event isn't what it seems.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A companion needs your imagination. This isn't the right time to talk about eagerness. Something silly occurs between friends.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A crisis occurs when the truth comes out. A gloomy woman demands answers. There's a chance to improve the status quo.



Previous Answer

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BUZZ.
Read Metro's Celebrity Buzz daily to get the scoop on Hollywood's latest gossip.
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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Calgary weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny. 29°	Clear. Low 12°	Mainly sunny. 24°/ 10°	70% Thunder-storms. 19°/ 8°	Mainly sunny. 22°/ 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 24.6°
Low: 9.4°

Records
High: 34.3°/1979
Low: 4.1°/1990

Sunrise: 5:46 a.m.
Sunset: 9:37 p.m.
Moonset: 9:36 a.m.
Moonrise: 10:55 p.m.

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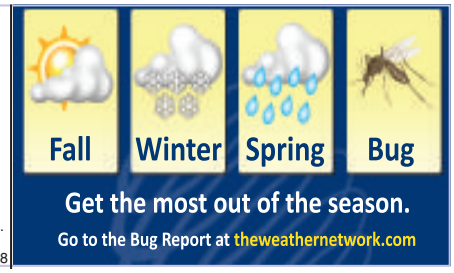

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